

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE. (SHRI K.C.
LENKA) (a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Bilateral Relationship with United Kingdom

3508. SHRIGOPINATH GAJAPATHI:
Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be
pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have
taken any steps to strengthen further the
bilateral relationship with the United
Kingdom;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the programme of action drawn up
by both the countries in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL
AFFAIRS (SHRIMADHAVSINH SOLANKI):
(a) Yes Sir.

(b) and (c) Regular and frequent
exchange of high-level visits between the
two countries have resulted in better mutual
understanding which in turn has had a
beneficial impact on Indo-UK cooperation in
various fields.

Prime Minister had a meeting with UK
Prime Minister John Major in Harare in Oct'
91; External Affairs Minister met his UK
counterpart in New York in September, 1991;

and the Minister of State visited London in
November, 1991. The British Foreign
Secretary Mr. Douglas Hurd and Prince
Charles are scheduled to visit India in the
third week of January, 1992 and February,
1992 respectively.

The new liberal economic policies of the
Government of India have been widely
publicised in UK and the British industry has
been invited to invest more in India.

Agricultural Production in Eastern States

3509. SHRIGOPINATH;GAJAPATHI:
Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be
pleased to state:

(a) the schemes introduced by the
Government to increase agricultural
production in the Eastern States particularly
in Orissa; and

(b) the Central assistance given to
Orissa under these schemes during the last
three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI
MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN) (a) and
(b). A statement showing the Central/
Centrally Sponsored Scheme being
implemented in the Eastern States
particularly in Orissa which directly help to
increase the production of agricultural crops
and the Central assistance provided to Orissa
State under these schemes during the last
three years is enclosed.